

MAYOR MAY VETO ACCEPTED PLAN OF BLUES ARMORY

Rumor Current Yesterday,
But Nobody Seemed to
Know; Building Code
To-Morrow.

Much depends on what the Mayor will do with the Blues Armory plan today, and what the Aldermen will do with the building code to-morrow night, and the two questions are perplexing the City Hall. Report has it that the Mayor is unalterably opposed to an armory over a market, and either for this reason or another, will veto the resolution awarding the designs and directing the Committee on Grounds and Buildings to secure bids for the work. Members of the Council who were discussing the matter last night thought it too late in the day for objection to the combined armory and market, but feared that the Mayor might veto the measure on the point raised in the Common Council by members of the Finance Committee, that it obligated the city for the payment of money and yet was not passed by a two-thirds vote. The Mayor, as usual, is keeping his own counsel.

Patently Waiting.
Meanwhile Mayor Bowles and his men are passing their souls in what patience they have left. The City Council practically pledged itself to build an armory for the organization as long ago as two years. The matter has been constantly before the Council throughout that time, and no direct objection has been made. Yet not one brick has been laid upon another.

The building code presents another knotty problem. The Council spent nearly an hour debating with heat whether to include a certain dump in the fire lines, and after that important point was settled, the code as a whole, without reaching it. Members of the Board who are familiar with the code think it was greatly strengthened by certain amendments put on in the Finance Committee, especially in relation to appeals from the decision of the Building Inspector to the Board of Public Safety.

Improvement of Auditorium.
The appropriation for completing the City Auditorium will reach the Board, and so unanimous has been the demand for this work from all classes of citizens that it is believed the resolution will pass as easily as it did in the Council. A lot of other miscellaneous business awaits the Aldermen, who will probably sit late into the night.

Other meetings for the week are those of the Committee on Electrolysis this afternoon at 5; the Committee on Light on Wednesday evening at 8; the Committee on the Board of Public Safety on Thursday evening at the same hour, and the Ordinance, Charter and Reform Committee on Friday night at 8.

WANT TO COME BACK

Many Cotton Men Favor Plan to Meet Here Again.

Under the leadership of Business Manager Dabney, the Chamber of Commerce is working hard to secure for Richmond the 1909 convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association. Personal letters have been written to every member of the organization who attended the sessions here last May, asking his support in the fight which will be made before the executive committee within the next few weeks. A number of replies have been received, and they, almost unanimously express the hope that the convention will come back to Richmond, many saying that they have written to this effect to one or more members of the executive committee. The contest now lies between Baltimore and Richmond, and both cities are struggling with a will for the session, not only because of the importance of the cotton trade, but also because this year there is to be in conjunction with the meeting a great exhibit of machinery and apparatus in operation, and a special feature of the program for all who see it. Some provision will have to be made for housing this exhibit, and supplying current for the machinery. The Chamber of Commerce feels sure, can be arranged if the executive committee votes to return to Richmond.

PUTTING UP SIGNS

Over a Thousand Already in Position in East End.

Work of putting up the first contingent of street signs is progressing rapidly, the contractor having disposed of more than a thousand in the eastern end of the city. The total number of signs for the old city, contracted for by the special committee, was over 3,000. The balance left over from the appropriation for the new territory, the same rate about 500 signs for use in the new territory. The estimate for the new territory was 1,529 signs, and it may be that a small extra appropriation may be worked through before the death of this Council.

TO LICENSE THEM

Second-Hand Shops To Be Closed If They Receive Stolen Goods.

An ordinance regulating second-hand clothing shops and putting them more closely under police supervision, is being prepared and will be introduced in the Council soon. It is being urged by members of the Police Board on the ground that many of the second-hand stores are now used as places for disposing of stolen goods. Much stuff of this sort has been recovered, but provide for the licensing of such places, the license to be forfeited and the shop closed if it can be proved that the owner is knowingly receiving stolen property.

STRUCK THIEF DOWN

Negro, Flying With Stolen Whiskey, Knocked Unconscious in Street.

After a chase of several blocks late on Saturday night, John Kennedy, colored, was felled and stretched out unconscious by one of his pursuers, who had taken up the cry of "Stop, thief." John ran out of Puckett's bar at Eighteenth and Main Streets with a quantity of whiskey. The man lay unconscious on the ground until the arrival of the ambulance. The physician treated him, but Kennedy had imbibed rather freely, and he was not able to give his name until yesterday morning. The whiskey was recovered, but Kennedy was charged with attempting to steal it. In the station an old woman, charging him with having stolen a watch and chain and pocket from M. O'Kyer, was served on him.

GREEK HELD FOUR AT BAY IN ROOM

Defending an invasion of his room in the Davis House, at Thirteenth and Franklin Streets, last night, Lewis John, a Greek, felled and seriously hurt Thomas Thanase, who, with four others, had broken down the door and attempted to enter. The men fought and struggled, but he got them out, and some one called Policemen Samuels and Duffy, who arrested the whole crowd. Thanase and the other four men—Columbus Nikis, Curtis Nikis, Augustus John and Thomas Christ—were locked up on a warrant sworn out by John, charging trespass and invasion of his premises. He stated that they frequently disturbed him at night with their revelry and noise, and described them as a set of anarchists driven from their native land.

GEORGIA PEACHES FLOODING MARKET

Notwithstanding the fact that the Richmond market has been almost glutted with Georgia peaches, which are lower now than they have been in the past, a number of dealers are still coming in from the South. One railway alone is hauling here every day between fifty and sixty carloads of the fruit. While a number of these are still coming in from the South, one railway alone is hauling here every day between fifty and sixty carloads of the fruit. While a number of these are still coming in from the South, one railway alone is hauling here every day between fifty and sixty carloads of the fruit.

PARTY WILL TOUR EUROPE IN AUTO

Captain Joseph E. Willard, Colonel W. Gordon McCabe, Mr. Robert Campbell and Mr. A. B. Scott, will leave Richmond to-night for New York, from which place they will sail on Wednesday afternoon on the steamship Lusitania for Europe. The party expects to be gone about a month. A large automobile has been sent over in London after the Richmond, true but spend a greater part of their time touring the continent in the car.

NEW GRAND JURY TO INDICT SMITH

Owing to a technical flaw in the first indictment of Silas Smith for the murder of William Murphy in Henrico county, Judge Scott has ordered that a second grand jury be summoned to return a new indictment this morning. The case will come to trial immediately after the Richmond, true but spend a greater part of their time touring the continent in the car.

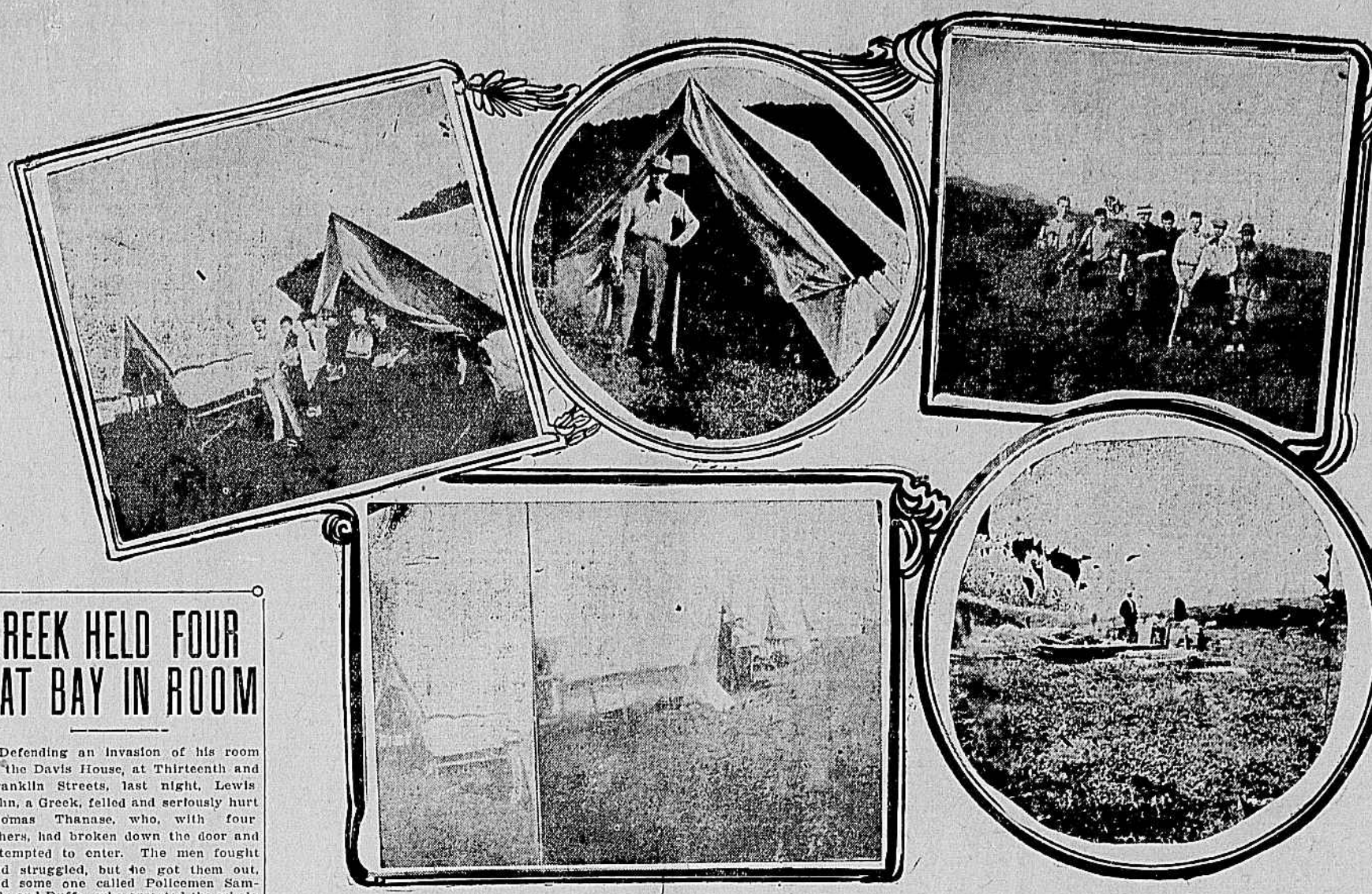
LAWYER-MINISTER HAS CALL ALREADY

Mr. Powhatan James, formerly a lawyer of this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, of Nowata, Oklahoma. He will soon take up his studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., supplying his new church in vacation until his graduation.

OFFICER HURLED FROM MOTORCYCLE

Bicycle Policeman Werner, of the First District, was seriously hurt yesterday in a fall from his motorcycle. The machine struck a cobblestone or some other obstruction, bucked and threw him on the sidewalk. His arm was badly hurt, and may be broken. It will be examined to-day through an x-ray machine.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS ENJOYING CAMPLIFE NEAR HOME OF JEFFERSON



Reports received so far from the Y. M. C. A. boys' camp, near "Monticello," in Albemarle county, show that the youngsters are having the time of their lives. A sufficient number of old campers are in the party to show all how to live comfortably, and Secretary Reithard is in charge of everything. Already the boys are getting used to the routine of camp life. Three baseball teams have been organized and match games will be held every afternoon this week. The neighbors have taken much interest in the camp, more than one doing some courtesy, which has helped the boys to get settled for the two weeks of solid fun. Although the main crowd did not reach camp until after midnight on Friday, the Rivanna River soon gathered them in, the old swimming hole above the woolen mills seeming to be alive again. Up to this time the weather has been good, but the tenderfeet have not gotten over their uneasiness as to how the tents will stand in the first thunderstorm.

BIG PRIVATE SCHOOL IS GIVEN TO STATE

Citizens of Conley, Who Have
Been Supporting Institution,
Turn to Public System.

PROGRESS OF EDUCATION

Secretary Stearnes Much Encouraged by Interest Shown in
Many Sections of Virginia.

Visiting different portions of Virginia last week in the interest of public schools, Mr. R. C. Stearnes, secretary of the State Board of Education, discovered a somewhat peculiar but convincing illustration of the effectiveness of the system. In the neighborhood of Conley, in Southampton county, the citizens about twenty years ago established a private school for their children, and supported it mainly by themselves, though a little outside help was given. Although the institution has been very successful in preparing young people for the best colleges in the state, the board of trustees, impressed by the excellent work accomplished in the public schools throughout the county, felt that the State offered opportunities better than any local private school could hope to give.

The trustees therefore appeared before the county board and requested that it take charge of the school and all the property connected with it. The Conley citizens estimate that they have expended not less than \$20,000 on the institution, besides paying the regular school taxes all these years. They are willing to assist the county, with private subscriptions as long as may be necessary, and are not asking the board to do less for any other point.

The county authorities conferred with Mr. Stearnes on the subject, and decided to do everything possible to carry out the plan. It is hoped that additional help may be secured from the State high school fund.

In other sections visited by Mr. Stearnes he found the same desire for progress in the public schools of the State. He is highly gratified at the efforts now being made, and predicts that in a few years the Virginia school system will be second to none in the South.

At Columbia, in Fluvanna county, the secretary addressed a large gathering of men and women in the town hall on the subject of education. Besides the crowd of interested people, the county school board was present.

As a result of the speeches, a movement was at once started to raise a fund for the erection of a large modern school that will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the session. More than \$500 was subscribed, with assurances that the amount would be increased to \$1,200 in a few days. The school board will give as much to the new building as the citizens.

At Red House, in Charlotte county, the people were as enthusiastic as at Columbia. Speeches were made to a large audience by Mr. Stearnes and others interested in education.

When the meeting was over, one of the patrons declared that he would give five acres of land and \$100 in cash toward the erection of a modern school building. He was followed by eight or nine other citizens who also subscribed \$100 each. It now seems assured that this section of Charlotte will soon have a \$4,000 building, and at least two wagons for the transportation of the children.

Red House is situated in the northwestern portion of the county, not far from the Appomattox and Campbell lines, and children from all three of these counties will attend the school.

ROLLED DICE IN FRONT OF CHURCH ON SUNDAY

CROWD FLED WHEN HAT AND
SOCKS CAME STROLLING BY

Too Hot to Wear Clothes, Polish Citizen Pitched Them
Into Street and Went Serenely on His Way
Until Arrested.

Suffering from temporary aberration and excessive heat, Lewis Patrick, a Polish emigrant, stopped in front of a store on Broad Street near Brook Avenue shortly after noon yesterday, and carefully disrobing and spreading his clothes on the pavement, proceeded on his way minus everything save his socks and a large straw hat. It being church time, there were few people on the street, usually well filled, but those few gave the man a wide berth. The sun blistered his body, but he heeded it not, for his mind was wandering back to Poland and the friends he had left behind. People watched him as he passed, but Patrick seemed unconscious that he was an object of curiosity and awe. He gazed at them gravely, and walked along carefully.

Some frantic soul telephoned the Second Police Station, and Officer Tilsen, on duty, started out to find the man at Glimmer and Broad Streets, after Patrick had walked nearly ten blocks, and brought him back to the station.

He could not wait for the patrol at a box, for the prisoner's clothes were a long way off.

It was a curious pair, the officer and his unadorned charge, and the policeman blushed as they crept back through alleys that seemed literally alive with people. Patrick didn't blush. He mumbled something about having been robbed of \$5, and said he wanted to go back home. His clothes were taken to the station, and he was persuaded to put them on again. Dressed once more, he sat in his cell, pale and haggard, still growling about his lost money and his faraway home. He was later sent down to the jail.

The man carried in his pocket a conditional pardon, signed by Governor Swanson, releasing him from the Cumberland county jail, where he had been imprisoned for felonious burning. The pardon was dated July 1st.

Escaping from a stable at Fifteenth and Cary Streets, a valuable white horse ran down Fifteenth yesterday afternoon, out on the tracks which spans the canal at the foot of the street. The animal plunged forward over the ties for about fifteen yards, then he was checked by a fence, and, wildly, but could not escape.

After some work, Policeman Atkinson had the horse out and safe. Both forelegs, which had gone down between the ties, were fastened together, and then the officer, with the help of the owner and a number of negroes, turned the horse over on the plank, which had been laid from one end of the track to the point where the animal was lying. The horse was put on its feet, and managed to walk back to the stable, comparatively unharmed.

Found Dead in Shockoe.
An unknown negro was found dead in Shockoe Creek just in the rear of the Richmond Young Men's Christian Association building yesterday morning. He had fallen in the night before.

In Critical Condition.
Mr. A. A. Clarke, of No. 625 North Tenth Street, was reported last night to be in a very critical condition at the Memorial Hospital. He is suffering from an attack of appendicitis.

BROOM HANDLE PIERCED BODY; YOUNG MAN MAY DIE
While testing his athletic ability with a number of friends yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Pemberton, in Chesterfield county, a young man, Throckmorton, fell on a broom handle, which penetrated his abdomen and perineum, fatally injuring him.

All the young men were jumping. The broom, with the whisk put upward, was placed against a chair, and over this young Throckmorton attempted to leap. His foot hung in the air, which was overturned, and the broom was turned upside down. The young man fell squarely on top of it, the handle entering his body. Dr. M. R. Rucker, of Manchester, gave what treatment was necessary at the time, and then had Throckmorton taken to the Memorial Hospital in an ambulance. The wound is regarded as dangerous, and peritonitis may develop.

SLEEPY EYES SAW STREETS FILLED WITH MARAUDERS

Midnight Uproar Various
Described as Riot and
Wrestling Match; Old
Ball-Player Dead.

What is described by some as a wrestling match and by others as an inept riot occurred on Hunt Street, near Eleventh, about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when otherwise the streets were still.

Just how many participated in the nocturnal tumult is not specifically known, but such was the uproar before the combatants were parted that half the neighborhood was aroused.

According to several people, ten men were engaged in the "wrestling match"; others assert as positively that the street was black with a "many-headed multitude." Probably sleepy eyes saw too few or too many.

The cause of the demonstration has not been determined. No arrests have as yet been made.

Big Negro Baptizing.
A big all-day negro baptizing took place yesterday at Jahnke's Pond, four miles out from the city. Early in the morning the colored population began its exit, and by 12 o'clock few negroes were left in Manchester. Besides themselves, the baptizers took with them nearly every horse in the city, hitched to vehicles of various and wonderful design.

A large delegation came over from Richmond, and many who attended from Manchester walked the entire distance. Several pastors were kept busy at the pond. The day was excessively warm.

Ball Player Dead.

R. O. Thomas, who died at the home of his father, No. 225 East Eleventh Street, on Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, was buried from the residence at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Dennis, of the Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment was made at Riverview Cemetery, in Richmond.

Mr. Thomas, who was only twenty-nine years old, was a noted ball player. He was a pitcher in the old Virginia State League, and also played first base on the Richmond team under the management of Barley Kahn. Thomas first played professional ball in 1899, when he pitched for the New London team in the Connecticut League. In the following season he joined the Richmond team in the old State League, and was worked in the box, occasionally playing first base.

Leaving Richmond when the old league disbanded, he next entered the Three I League. He later played in North and South Dakota, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. At one time Mr. Thomas traveled with what was known as the Chicago Stars, an aggregation of bloomer girl ball players, who attained some celebrity.

Mr. Thomas pitched to a woman catcher, who used a small pillow to receive the ball.

The Thomas family have only recently moved to Manchester. They left Richmond two months ago.

R. O. Thomas was born in Petersburg. He lived for ten years in Lynchburg, after which he moved to Richmond. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thomas, both of whom survive him. He also leaves one brother, Logan, a ball player, and Miss Blanche Thomas. He enlisted in a volunteer company during the Spanish-American War, but never saw active service.

Death of Mrs. Donald.

Mrs. Margaret Donald, wife of Mr. Peter Donald, stone contractor, died at her residence, No. 315 Cowardin Avenue, yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Donald was fifty-six years old, and the mother of several children. Both she and her husband were born in Scotland, where they were married. They have five children, three sons and two daughters. She is survived by her husband and ten children, five sons and five daughters—Messrs. George, Peter, Alec, James and Grover Donald; Mrs. A. B. Morrisett, Mrs. John A. Brown, Mr. W. A. Holzappel, Misses Jessie and Mamie Donald.

The funeral notice will be announced later.

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Charles Lee Taylor is quite ill at his home, No. 1311 Perry Street. Mr. Taylor has been confined to his bed for two weeks.

Mr. W. F. Morgan, now of South Norfolk, but formerly of this city, is spending some time here. He is a brother of Mr. Shanks, of Chula, is said to be dangerously ill at her home. Mrs. Shanks is a sister of Mr. E. Taylor, of Manchester, and is well known here.

FAMOUS PILOT DEAD

Guided Southern Cruiser Out of Trap Set by Northern Fleet.

Captain John A. Curtis, of No. 15 North Twenty-ninth Street, received information yesterday of the death in Halifax, N. S., of "Jock" Fleming, who made himself famous in the Civil War by taking the Confederate cruiser Tallahassee through the eastern passage of Halifax harbor in August, 1864, eluding the Federal gunboats lying in wait for her just outside. Commander John Taylor Wood was in charge of the Tallahassee, and Captain Curtis was master. The ship had put into Halifax to coal, and while inside was trapped by a superior force of Federal gunboats. The ship was then fired upon, and the Tallahassee was forced to escape. The ship was then fired upon, and the Tallahassee was forced to escape. The ship was then fired upon, and the Tallahassee was forced to escape.

There was only one man to take the ship out, and that was "Jock" Fleming. He was employed, in the dead of night, he took the helm, and guided the Southern cruiser down the eastern passage, a shallow channel, used only by fishing boats, on the western side of the harbor. When daylight broke the Tallahassee had escaped, and the Federal boats were still lying at anchor.

Music School Closes.

Professor A. F. Unkle's music school closed its session on Saturday evening after a very successful year. The diploma of full graduation was awarded to Miss Mary Louise Murdoch, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Murdoch, of No. 1011 West Main Street.

Reckless Driving.

Lee Dunn (colored) was arrested last night by Policeman Crafton on a charge of recklessly and carelessly driving in the street. He is a driver for A. D. Price.